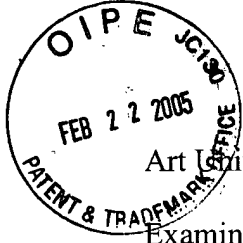


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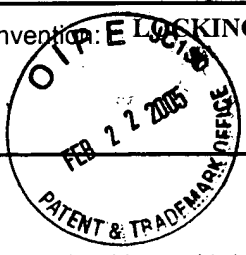
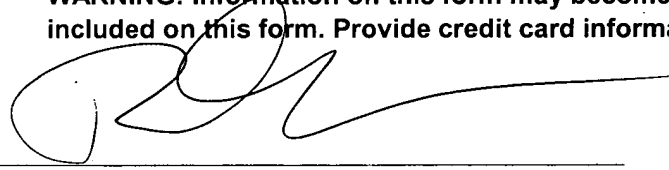
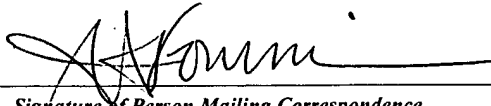
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In response to the office action mailed November 17, 2004, please amend the patent application as set forth the below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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